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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU

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1. IN RUNDOWN ON ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE MACOVESCU'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA APRIL 28-30, ROMANIAN EMBOFF (LUPES) CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS ANOTHER OF ROMANIAN-YUGOSLAV HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WHICH OCCUR SO FREQUENTLY THAT MANY GO UNNOTED IN PRESS. USING LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE, LUPES EMPHASIZED 1974 MEETINGS OF TITO AND CEAUSESCU AS BASIS OF DEVELOPING RELATIONS AND STATED THAT CEAUSESCU WILL PROBABLY VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AGAIN THIS FALL. THERE WILL BE OTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN MINISTERS AND POSSIBLY A VISIT AT PRIME MINISTER LEVEL. PARTY CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUMMER DURING ROMANIAN PARTY OFFICIALS' "VACATIONS" IN YUGOSLAVIA WHICH ARE ARRANGED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE. LUPES STATED THAT YUGOSLAVS AND ROMANIANS ARE IN AGREEMENT ON PRESSING FOR A SHORT, NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTAL FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE ECPC. ALTHOUGH "OTHERS," HE

SAID, WOULD LIKE MORE IN THE DOCUMENT, NO DOCUMENT CAN TRANSFORM DIVERSITY, WHICH IS A REALITY IN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, INTO MONOLITH.

3. ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ASPECTS. LUPES STATED THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, NOTED IN COMMUNIQUE, ON CONSTRUCTING DJERDAP II, A SECOND HYDROELECTRIC PLANT ON DANUBE, AND INCREASING OUTPUT OF DJERDAP I, WAS CONCLUDED BEFORE MACOVESCU VISIT. TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING ON TO RESOLVE SUCH QUESTIONS AS COST OF LABOR, PRICE AND DIVISION OF ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS. CONSTRUCTION MAY BEGIN THIS YEAR AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE NEW FACILITIES CAN BE PUT INTO OPERATION BY 1981. AN AGREEMENT IS ALSO BEING WORKED OUT BY WHICH ROMANIANS WILL SUPPLY YUGOSLAVS WITH ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES VALUED AT ABOUT \$100 MILLION, OFFSET BY ROMANIAN PURCHASES OF YUGOSLAV GOODS OF AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT. LUPES SAID THAT AN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE INFORMATION AND CULTURAL FIELDS WAS CONCLUDED A MONTH AGO PROVIDING FOR OPENING A NUMBER OF CULTURAL HOUSES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT THE ROMANIAN CONSULATE GENERAL WILL OPEN IN ZAGREB WEEK OF MAY 12, NOTING THAT THIS HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR SOME TIME.

4. MACOVESCU-MINIC DISCUSSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES PRODUCED NOTHING UNEXPECTED. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS, AND FOR EARLY COMPLETION OF CSCE THAT ESTABLISHES APPARATUS FOR FOLLOWING UP AND VERIFYING CONFERENCE'S CONCLUSIONS.

5. LUPES, PERHAPS DISINGENUOUSLY, ALLEGED THAT ROMANIANS WERE SURPRISED BY YUGOSLAV MEDIA REPORTS THAT THEY HAD ASKED YUGOSLAVIA TO SUPPORT THEIR BID FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE COLOMBO NONALIGNED CONFERENCE (PARA 4 REFTEL). WHILE HE ADMITTED LONG-TERM ROMANIAN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING AN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NON-ALIGNED BECAUSE OF AN IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON MANY ISSUES, HE SUGGESTED THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD JUMPED TO AN UNWARRANTED CONCLUSION. ASKED IF NONETHELESS THE YUGOSLAVS HAD PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR ROMANIAN OBSERVER STATUS LUPES REPLIED ROMANIANS ASSUMED YUGOSLAV SUPPORT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

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6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VISIT PRODUCED NO SURPRISES, IT DID CONFIRM AGAIN INTENSE ACTIVITY IN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND OTHER FIELDS GOING ON BETWEEN ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE LCY AND RCP ARE CONSULTING CLOSELY IN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENT LINES AT ECPC AGAINST SOVIET PRESSURE.

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